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FROM: Tripoli

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 936, May 22, 11 a.m.

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SENT DEPARTMENT 936; REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 133, BENGHAZI 313.

Prime Minister's statement (EMBTel 934, May 22) re commitment US aid for five year period seems bald faced attempt put himself in best possible position in Parliamentary presentation and, incidentally, to attempt commit USG for continuation support of budget. Tactic reminiscent of that of Ben Halim on return London talks of June 1956 when by speeches and official leads he implied British commitments beyond those actually made.

There is also possibility this badly phrased presentation assurances received from British that level UK assistance reviewed in event substantial reduction US financial aid below figure 5.5 million in any of next five years (London telegram to Department 6477).

While it obviously not desirable or indeed feasible seek public retraction by Kubaar, I feel it important to straighten record officially to minimize difficulties in future negotiations. Consequently, I have asked Smith, Benghazi, deliver personal letter from me taking exception at this point. Text follows in next telegram.

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